

IGEP FACTSHEET

How much obligated service is incurred?

For programs lasting <20 months: incurred service is 5 years from the completion of degree.

For programs lasting ≥20 months: incurred service is 6 years from the completion of degree.

Obligated Service is the Minimum Service Requirement (MSR) which must be served on active duty.

Minimum Service Obligation (MSO) is 8 years from commissioning, and may be served on either active duty or in the reserves.

Reference: OPNAVINST 1520.23C, Enclosure (7)

How does IGEP affect my career path?

The submarine career path is designed for officers to meet their milestone tours in order to screen for the next rank. Statutory Boards (rank selection boards) are based on lineal number, which the career path approximates by year group (YG). This is a projection and may change based on promotion rates. Your YG is the fiscal year in which you commissioned.

The first milestone a submarine officer needs to meet is the SOAC Gate. The SOAC gate is the latest an officer can start the Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) in order to report to their Department Head (DH) tour prior to the O-4 (LCDR) Statutory Board. Officers who participated in IGEP may have truncated JO sea or JO shore tours in order to meet the SOAC Gate. Every case is different and shortened tours may not be required.

YG19 Officers (commissioned between October 2018 and September 2019)

IN ZONE Look for O-4: FY29, May 2028 O-4 Board (projected based on current promotion rates)

SOAC Gate: 18 months prior to O-4 Board, January 2027

When am I eligible to resign my commission?

Officers may resign once their MSR, minimum time on station (MTS) and minimum sea tour are complete. PERS-42 typically allows a resignation window of Projected Rotation Date (PRD) +3 months. Resignations must be submitted 9-12 months prior to separation date.

The minimum sea tour for the submarine community is 30 months. MTS is dependent on retainability requirements, location and dependent status, but is 24 months for CONUS.

References:

MILPERSMAN (MPM) 1301-108: Officer Distribution – Retainability

MPM 1301-110 Prescribed Sea Tour (PST) and Recommended Shore Tour Lengths, Exhibit 2

MPM 1920-200: Officer Resignation Procedures

AP-TL-01: Tour Lengths and Tours of Duty Outside the Continental United States (CONUS)

Program Selection

Based on the factors listed above, 12-18 month programs are recommended. Programs which are 24 months or greater often interfere with career milestones.

